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The Honorable David E. Price, Chair Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart, Ranking Member Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart,

As you begin your critical work on the Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I strongly urge you to include \$2,500,000 for the City of Mountain View to design a bicycle/pedestrian undercrossing beneath the Caltrain commuter rail tracks near Bernardo Avenue. This Community Project Funding request is associated with the Department of Transportation account for Highway Infrastructure Projects.

The City will use the requested funding to design a crossing for pedestrians and cyclists beneath the Caltrain tracks and Central Expressway near Bernardo Avenue at the of the border of the Cities of Mountain View and Sunnyvale. This long-planned connection is vital to promoting active transportation in the community, connecting employers and a mobile home park to the north of the tracks with affordable housing, light industrial uses, and an elementary school to the south. The undercrossing will eliminate a detour of one to two miles for those traveling by foot or bicycle, facilitating more direct travel between affordable housing and employers in nearby areas.

As an indication of local support, I've enclosed letters of support from the following local elected officials and community leaders:

- The Honorable Lucas Ramirez, Mayor, City of Mountain View
- The Honorable Larry Klein, Mayor, City of Sunnyvale
- Ms. Michelle Bouchard, Acting Executive Director, Caltrain

• Ms. Deborah Dagang, Chief Planning & Programming Officer, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

If enacted, this request would improve the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians and improve connections between residential areas and employment centers, and it's why I wholeheartedly support this Community Project Funding request and ask that you do so as well.

Most gratefully

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Enclosures